

\$56,700 U.S. Loan Speeds Water Expansion Program

Dr. Pyeatt Heads New Optimist Officers for '51

Dr. Allen Pyeatt, local optometrist, will be installed as the president of the Torrance Optimist Club for 1951 along with other recently elected officers at a dinner-dance to be held in the Hermosa Biltmore on March 4.

To be installed with Pyeatt are: A. C. Turner, first vice-president; Forrest Meyers, second vice-president; Bill Gerrity, secretary; Edward Winklbauer, treasurer; Howard Miller, sergeant-at-arms; and James Anderson, chaplain.

The outgoing president is Vern Lovelady who succeeded Delbert Vaughn as president when the latter was called back into the Navy in 1950.

Dr. Pyeatt becomes the fourth president of the local club. Others were Boris Woolley, Vaughn, and Lovelady. He is associated with Dr. Alden Smith, optometrist, with offices at 1503 Cabrillo avenue.



DR. ALLEN PYEATT
Optimist Is Optometrist

RIVIERA-SEASIDE MAY 'SIT OUT THIS HAND'

With word received from Washington this week that the Federal Government would lend financial assistance, another obstacle was cleared from the path leading to a complete modernization of Torrance's water system.

A loan of \$56,700 has been granted by the Housing and Home Finance Agency in the nation's capital, according to Raymond Foley, administrator. The money is to be used to pay for engineering the project which is expected to cost approximately \$2,000,000. The money would be repaid to the Federal Government, according to William H. Stanger, manager of the city's water department, from funds raised by the passage of a bond election. If the bond election would fail to pass, the city would not have to repay the loan, Stanger indicated.

EXCLUDE RIVIERA
Another problem confronting backers of the water improvement plan is believed solved. The problem was "What to do about the residents in Riviera and Seaside Ranchos who are served by the California Water Service Company?" It is planned at present to exclude those residents from the proposed bond election. At a meeting of the Water Board in December, it was pointed out that the Riviera and Seaside Ranchos sections of the city had little to gain by "being counted in" on the deal. Shortage of materials and a probable lengthy and costly litigation to purchase the lines and equipment of the California Water Service were given as other reasons for dropping the two residential areas from the proposed expansion program.

OFFERS HELP
Richard Blakeley, chairman of the Riviera Civic Council, however, advised the city by letter that the residents of Riviera would be willing to lend what assistance they could to help in the consolidation of Torrance's five water districts or in any other way to help the city improve its water facilities. A prerequisite to the expansion program would be the consolidation of the five districts into one supplying water within the

city of Torrance. The five districts include Municipal Improvement District Number 1 with its annexed Kettler Knolls district, Municipal Water Districts Numbers 1 and 2, North Torrance district, and the General Petroleum properties. The consolidation problem is largely a legal one.

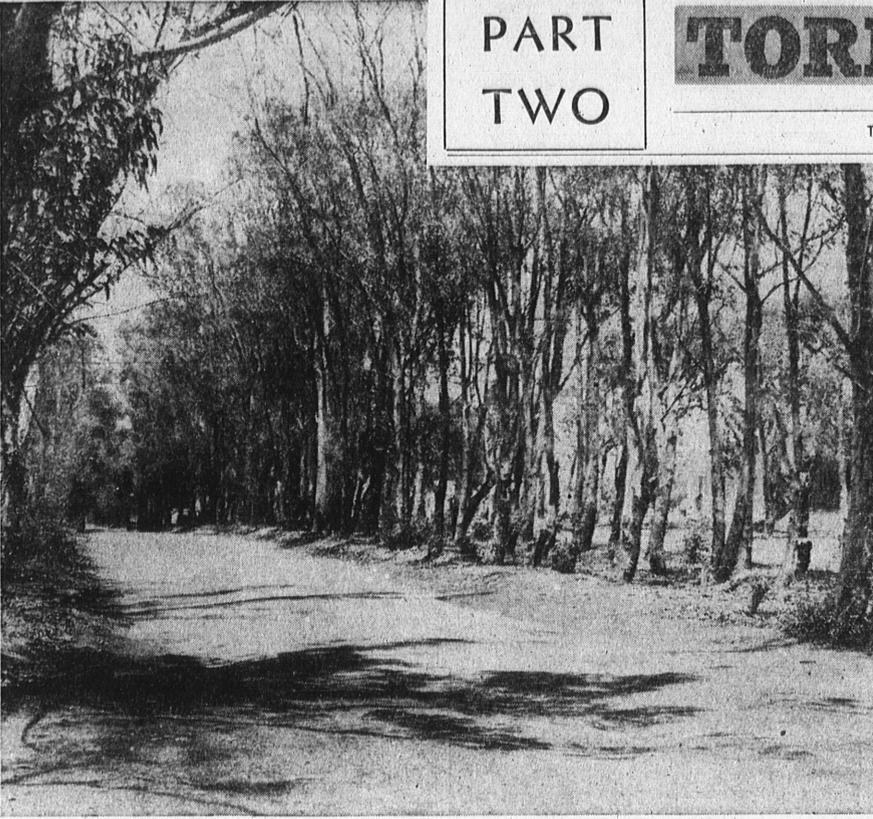
SURVEY DUE SOON
Due to be released soon by James M. Montgomery, a hydro-engineer, is a survey of water rates for the city. Completion of the survey was another hurdle in the path of the plan to modernize the city's antiquated water system. How much can be spent and how much can be done to improve the system will depend upon Montgomery's findings.

It is believed that the \$2,000,000 bond issue need not impose any additional taxes. The bond would be self-repaying from increased revenues gained from the actual sale of water to consumers. Facts revealed in Montgomery's forthcoming survey will help answer many of the questions about the financial arrangements of the proposed bond issue.

Among the expansion plans is a proposed 10,000,000-gallon reservoir to be constructed in the Palos Verdes Hill above the West Ranch property near Walteria.

Navy Will Enroll Officer Candidates

The Navy plans to enroll between 700 and 800 college men from California and other western and mid-west universities and colleges in its 45-day Reserve Officer Candidate class at the U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California, this summer.



BEFORE . . . All that's missing from this picture is a boy, a fish pole over his shoulder, a can of worms in his hand and a dog, and this might be a scene from a quaint country road. In fact, that is just what it was some 24 months ago. Old timers, however, will recognize Western avenue as it

looked before bulldozers, graders and paving machines started to work in 1949. The photo was taken looking north from the 2100 block. Compare it with photo taken Monday of this week. (Herald photo).



AFTER . . . Concrete ribbons, from the mountains to the sea, now replace the once tree-lined, dusty road that was Western avenue in Torrance. Although the four-lane highway has been open to traffic for nearly a year the official dedication of the thoroughfare has not been staged. Now autos

whizz by where only the bravest used to tread—when it was dry, and nobody when it was wet. This photo was taken from exactly the same spot as accompanying picture. (Herald photo).

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

Coming on the dates of March 7, 8 and 9 is the senior play, "That Brewster Boy." Mr. Dan Desmond, the drama coach and some other faculty members have picked a wonderful cast for this year's play. This isn't the final cast, but it's a pretty good example of who will be in the play this term. The cast consists of Ted White, Don Mitchell, Martha Dunn, Irwin Kasten, Glynn Boyce, Grace Lafferty, Erna Carstens, Hal Lauderdale, Marion Westmoreland, Elaine Rehwoldt, Barbara Jackson,



GRACE LAFFERTY
Best Posture



BARBARA JACKSON
Wins D.A.R. AWARD

Sally Radicky, Donna Weber, Duane Mittan, Elvira Lindenberg, Jackie Smith and Gary Carter. So be sure to keep one of these dates for this great event.

Well, posture week is over for another year, with Grace Lafferty, a senior, as the winner. Betsy Shaw, a sophomore, came in second place and Zola Bellwood, a senior also, was third. Congratulations to these girls and all the other girls who wore in the finale. It really looks great with everyone standing and sitting straight for once.

This event was sponsored by the Girls League.

Another senior girl, Barbara Jackson, also received high honors last week when she was selected to receive the DAR award for Torrance. The DAR, or Daughters of the American Revolution, gives a luncheon honoring all the chosen girls and presents them with a pin and a corsage. The awards are given annually to a very outstanding senior girl in every high school in this area. These girls take history tests, citizenship tests, and send in a list of their activities. The highest scoring girl is presented with a war bond. Thanks Barbara for representing Torrance and receiving the award.

The mountains seemed to have been a very popular place over the weekend. Both the GAA cabinet and the Varsity Club as well as various other groups of students were seen there. Tell us how was the snow, if any?

A week ago ten new members were voted into Tri-Hi-Y. It was very difficult to choose from all the girls who signed up. The new members from the senior class are Pat Eads, JoAnn Jones, Barbara Jackson, Shirley Gish and Janie Perkins. From the junior class, Dayle Denham, Karen Ness, Ann Flannigan, Martha Gruver and Diane Anderson. Congratulations to all the new members.

Although the student body could use the funds, the Student Council is not sponsoring a magazine subscription promotion as was stated by one newspaper last week. Planned for later this semester is a paper drive or possibly a scrap drive to raise funds to bolster the student body athletic fund.

Torrance High To Host 160 Jr. Statesmen

Approximately 160 members of Chapters of Junior Statesmen of America from 11 high schools in Southern California will attend a regional convention at Torrance High School this Saturday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Miss Donna Friedman, past president of the Torrance chapter, is convention chairman, and is being assisted by a committee from the local chapter including the Misses Doris Ahrendt, Barbara Jackson, who is regional clerk; Erna Carstens, Jo Ann Bernard, Suzie Bernard, Elvira Lindenberg, Martha Dunn, Mary Sands; and the Messrs. Jim Babbitt, present chapter president; Jerry Cox, Don Russ, Gary Carter, Ed Soucek, Don Mitchell, Roger Wright, Richard Uglund, and

Bill Irwin. Edward A. Reynolds of the local high school faculty is sponsor of the Torrance Chapter. A number of the teachers, pupils, and classes at Torrance are assisting the Junior Statesmen in their preparation for this convention.

The Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the local chapter, is assisting in many ways. The day's activities are as follows: 9:10 a. m., registration, main corridor; 10:12 noon, legislative session; library; flag salute, invocation by the Rev. Clarence E. Miller, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Torrance; greetings, Mr. John K. Steinbaugh, principal, Torrance High School; "Welcome to the City," by Bob L. Haggard, mayor

of Torrance; talk on Civilian Defense, George Powell, assistant director of Civilian Defense, Torrance; 12:1 p. m., luncheon, school cafeteria and sophomore patio.

Legion Slates Variety Show March 10th

"Hollywood Varieties," a professional vaudeville show, will be sponsored in a one-night stand at the San Pedro High School Auditorium Saturday night, March 10, by the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post No. 170, Torrance's Legion post.

N. T. G. of vaudeville and television fame is scheduled to act as master of ceremonies for the two-hour variety show, according to Vice-Commander Joe Piatt. The proceeds of the show will be used for veteran rehabilitation work and to supplement the building fund of the legion post here.



Writer Points Out Hazards at Highway Intersection To State Official

EDITOR
TORRANCE HERALD.

I want, first of all, to thank the Torrance Herald for helping us to draw the attention of the California Highway Commission to our problem at the corner of Highway 101 and Roberts Road.

Mr. R. C. Kennedy, in his reply to my published letter infers that unfair advantage had been taken of the department in publishing my protest before the problem could be studied by them. Parents of children who cross from Hollywood Riviera to Seaside School have been trying to get some action on this for more than a year. Unpublished correspondence seemed to get us nowhere.

If Mr. Kennedy, and any others interested will read my letter again, it will be apparent that I did not ask for nor suggest a traffic signal at this corner. We know that is not the answer. All we want is to inform the motorist before he reaches the corner that there is a crossing there. We are all drivers and are more than sympathetic with his problem in approaching a crossing such as this without warning. I don't believe there is one driver who would willingly risk injuring a child.

Mr. Kennedy and I are in agreement—speeds are high and visibility limited, but there are two additional factors he has not given sufficient consideration. They are the unusually bad fog conditions at this particular spot and the number of homes in the area adjacent to the Highway. I have made a study of these. In the 4160 foot strip bordering the highway on the south there are nearly 1000 families. On the north in a strip 3000 feet deep there are 379 families.

At the time my letter was published we had not had a traffic accident of sufficient importance to "count." Thanks to the care of our school bus drivers we have managed until February 9, 1951 not to have a loaded bus struck at this corner. Last week a bus carrying approximately 60 children was hit, but since none of them was injured, I suppose it too, could be considered minor!

My original question still stands—Will a child pay with his life for some sort of traffic control at the corner of 101 and Roberts Road?

MRS. G. H. MILLER
Press Chairman, Seaside PTA.
Fr. 5-2407.

Editor
Torrance Herald:

Everybody around here has been talking about the wonderful new format of the Torrance Herald and the "new look" to Section Two.

Our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. Sincerely,
Donald Manahaw
Director, Adult Education

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(Editor's Note:—Our aching backs creak as we bow in humble appreciation and acknowledgment.)